

## **NEVADA TITLE XXI PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

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### **Background**

- Nevada created a separate child health program that provides coverage to children ages 0 through 18 with family income at or below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL).
- Nevada's current Medicaid program covers children up to age 6 in families with income through 133 percent of the FPL and children age 6 and older born on or after October 1, 1983, in families with incomes up to 100 percent of the FPL. Children in families with income below 100 percent of the FPL may qualify for Nevada's SCHIP program because of an assets test in Nevada's Medicaid program.

### **Amendments**

- The first amendment waived cost sharing for children who are American Indians or Alaska Natives and are members of federally recognized Tribes. The first amendment also removed the 6-month residency requirement. In addition, the amendment modified the redetermination process so that a child is eligible for the program for one year from the date of enrollment, provided they continue to meet eligibility criteria. Prior to implementing this new policy, the eligibility of all enrollees in the program was redetermined at the same time each year, regardless of the date of the enrollment.

- The second amendment was submitted on November 26, 2001, to eliminate unemployment compensation from being counted as income when determining eligibility. This amendment will provide an increase of 1,700 eligible enrollees into Nevada's SCHIP program.
- The third amendment was submitted on November 27, 2002, to include unemployment compensation as income when determining eligibility. The third amendment also updates and amends the SCHIP state plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
- The fourth amendment was submitted on October 23, 2003, to increase quarterly premiums for families with income at or above 36 percent of the FPL. This amendment also updates the State's description of the SCHIP enrollment process, which allows children to be enrolled before the first quarter's premium is paid.

### **Children Covered Under the Program**

- The State reported that 47,183 children were ever enrolled in the program during Federal fiscal year 2003.

### **Administration**

- Nevada Check Up is administered by the Department of Human Resources.

### **Health Care Delivery System**

- Approximately 72 percent of all children enrolled in Nevada Check Up receive their medical care through managed care organizations (MCOs). For the areas not covered by an MCO, fee-for-service coverage will be offered with the same benefit package.

### **Benefit Package**

- Nevada Check Up provides the same services as provided under Nevada's Title XIX state plan. Services not included in the MCO benefit package will be provided under fee for service. These services include non-emergency transportation, and school-based rehabilitation services.

### **Cost Sharing**

- For families with incomes from 36 to 150 percent of the FPL, the premium is \$15 per quarter. Families in this group are given the choice of paying premiums on a monthly or quarterly basis.
- For families with incomes above 150 to 175 percent of the FPL, the premium is \$35 per quarter.
- For families with incomes above 175 percent of the FPL, the premium is \$70 per quarter.

## **Crowd-Out Strategy**

- The application includes questions about access to health care coverage, both public and private, which must be answered before the child is enrolled in the program. The State conducts random checks by contacting employers for verification of health insurance coverage.
- A child is ineligible for the program if they had coverage 6 months prior to application. The 6-month waiting period is waived if the applicant provides evidence that the loss of insurance was due to actions outside their control (e.g., their employer discontinues health benefits).

## **Outreach Activities**

- The State has simplified the application which is available statewide through schools, child care facilities, family resource centers, social service agencies, and other locations where eligible children and/or their parents frequent. The program's toll-free number is listed on the application as well as on posters and marketing brochures.
- The State will inform all 26 sovereign Tribal governments on changes concerning SCHIP through its various subcommittees and advisory groups.

## **Coordination Between SCHIP and Medicaid**

- In Nevada Check Up, applicants with income no more than 25 percent above the Medicaid income levels can be made provisionally eligible for up to 2 months. If they are determined eligible for Medicaid then they are transferred into the Medicaid program. If they are not Medicaid-eligible and meet the criteria for the separate child health program, they remain in the separate program. If they fail to complete the application process for Medicaid within approximately 20 days of their date of application for Check Up, their provisional eligibility in Check Up is discontinued and they are disenrolled from the program.
- The redesigned application seeks information regarding assets to screen out families who do not meet the Medicaid asset requirement.

## **Financial Information**

Total FFY '04 SCHIP Allotment -- \$31,163,957  
FFY '04 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 68.45%

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